

**TOP SECRET SENSITIVE**

**T O P S E C R E T 190323Z OCT 72 SENSITIVE EXCLUSIVELY EYES**  
**ONLY VIA BUNKER CHANNELS**  
**FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM**  
**TO : WINSTON LORD FOR DR KISSINGER**  
**CITE: WHS2238**

**TOHAK 39**

**OCTOBER 18, 1972**

**FOR : HENRY A. KISSINGER**

**FROM: AL HAIG**

**REF : HAK TO 14; HAK TO 15; HAK TO 16**

**1. I AM SURE I CAN MANAGE PRESIDENT IF YOU DECIDE TO GO TO VIENTIANE.**

**2. I AM HAVING GUAY TRANSMIT THE VIETNAMESE TEXT WHICH WILL BE RELAYED IN THIS CHANNEL. LT COLONEL SWANSON, THE COURIER, WILL DEPART ON AIR FRANCE FLIGHT 184 AT 10:30 A.M., OCTOBER 19 ARRIVING BANGKOK 8:05 A.M. LOCAL ON OCTOBER 20. (ADDITIONAL DETAILS IN TO HAK 34). I WILL ASK GUAY TO HAVE SWANSON FOLLOW PROCEDURE SUGGESTED IN HAK TO 16, BUT PLEASE TELL COURIER THAT SWANSON WILL GO TO AIR FRANCE DESK TO AWAIT PAGE.**

**3. I NOTED SORTIE LEVEL THIS MORNING AND IMMEDIATELY CALLED MURPHY. HE ASSURED ME THAT 137 ATTACK SORTIES REPRESENTS A SUBSTANTIAL DROP AND THAT PER YOUR INSTRUCTIONS ATTACK SORTIES WOULD REMAIN BELOW 150. ADMIRAL MOORER ALSO CALLED TO CONFIRM THAT THIS WAS THE CORRECT NUMBER. YOU WILL RECALL OUR DISCUSSION ON SUNDAY CONCERNING 200 VERSUS 150 ATTACK SORTIES. DEFENSE TOLD ME AT THAT TIME THAT AVERAGE HAD BEEN AROUND 200 ATTACK SORTIES FOR THIS MONTH. THIS IS WHY WE TOLD THEM TO GO TO 150. I WILL WATCH THIS VERY CLOSELY.**

**WARM REGARDS.**

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

**TO WINSTON LORD:**  
**PLEASE MAKE WHS2236 TO HAK 37.**

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